



Teesside
HOSPICE

Your Legacy, Your Choice

A guide to take control of your legacy, so that no one faces death, dying or bereavement alone.



Who we are

For over 40 years we've been changing lives across Teesside, supporting people and families who've been affected by a terminal illness. From a community nurse led service supporting a handful of people in 1982, into a specialist-level palliative care service that reaches over 3,000 people a year.

We really care, which is why we provide highly personalised levels of care to the people that needs us most. We ensure they receive the best possible care by creating experiences and memories that last a lifetime.

No matter what the situation, we are here, making sure everybody gets treated as an individual, whether it's physical, mental or emotional support they need from us.

We help people live as well as possible, for as long as possible. We want to make sure that everyone gets to live well until the very end. With your help, we will always be here for the people of Teesside. Together we can make sure nobody dies scared and in pain.

A terminal illness doesn't stop and neither do we.

Your gift will help to support local people with a terminal illness live as well as possible for as long as possible.



Why your support is important

57%

of our income comes from people like you, who support us so we can reduce pain and distress for local people with a terminal illness.



Your support makes a real difference

Our services cost around £3.4 million a year

Grants and trusts only fund a third of this which means we need to raise money every day to keep our services running.



Your lasting impact

13%

of income is donated by people leaving a gift in their will. You can leave a gift in your will and support us to continue to provide specialist-level care in our community.

Impact of Donations

For many years, the hospice was able to accommodate an increased expenditure through increased fundraising, charity shops and crucially, legacy donations that generated large donations. Legacy donations could never be planned for, but for many years they arrived just in time to fill a budget gap.

As a result, the hospice can continue to build a reserve that gives us a measure of confidence to help at difficult times.

Writing your Will



What is a Will?

Your will helps guide people with what you want to happen to your money and assets when you die. All of these things together make up your estate which can be distributed to whoever you choose, from your children to family and friends.

Anyone over 18 can make a will. It can be used to outline your lasting legacy within your family and community. If you decide not to leave one, the government will decide how your estate is used and you have no control over your legacy.



How to make a will?

Who will be the Executors?

The person(s) who will be responsible for the legal and financial aspects of your estate.

Who will be the Guardians?

The person(s) who will be responsible for Children legally.

Who will be the Beneficiaries?

The person(s) or organisations who will be given a specific gift from your estate such as money, land or property.

Who will receive the Residue?

The rest of your estate once all specific gifts have been made and debts paid off.



148

Local people have received urgent specialist-level palliative in-patient care from us.

2,350

Appointments with local people.

3-1

To every 3 adults 1 child has received complex Grief and Trauma Counselling from us.

1,276

People have received care through our Lymphoedema Clinic.

211

We have visited 211 people at home or in hospital by our Outreach Nurse.

*Figures are representative of Jan – Dec 2021

What can you gift in your final wishes?

Use this guide to simplify the process of giving a gift or legacy to Teesside Hospice. This is a guide for your information and your solicitor can help advise this.



Residual Legacy

We understand that family comes first during a difficult time. A residual legacy means that after making provision for your family, you can dedicate anything that is leftover to us, or in combination with other organisations.

→ “I bequeath to Teesside Hospice, registered charity number: 512875, of 1 Northgate Road, Middlesbrough, TS5 5NW, the whole [or%] of my residuary estate, to be applied for the purposes of the said charity. The receipt of the Secretary of other authorised office of said charity shall be sufficient to discharge to my Executors.”



Pecuniary Legacy

Deciding to leave a specific amount of money to us can be done by informing your solicitor that you would like to make a “pecuniary bequest”. This is presented as a fixed sum, which can lose value over time. However, if you choose to link the monetary gift to the Retail Price Index (RPI), the value can be maintained.

→ “I bequeath to Teesside Hospice, registered charity number: 512875, of 1 Northgate Road, Middlesbrough, TS5 5NW, the sum of £_____ to be applied for the purposes of the said charity. The receipt of the Secretary or other authorised office of said charity shall be sufficient to discharge to my Executors.”



Specific Gifts

If you want to leave a gift, but money is something you cannot give, you can leave specific items such as jewellery, shares and property to us. There are many shops across Teesside and online, with skilled team members to make sure we really get the value your items are worth.

→ “I bequeath to Teesside Hospice, registered charity number: 512875, of 1 Northgate Road, Middlesbrough, TS5 5NW, [description of the property] to be applied for the purposes of the said charity. The receipt of the Secretary or other authorised office of said charity shall be sufficient to discharge to my Executors.”

Frequently asked questions

“A gift in your will is a generous and thoughtful way of leaving a legacy that will benefit terminally-ill people and their families during some of the most difficult times imaginable.”

- David Smith, Chief Executive

What if I decide to change my mind?

A will is one of the most personal documents that you will ever complete in your lifetime. Therefore, you have full control and are free to change your mind at any time. You do not need to let us know if you change your mind, just contact your will service provider.

Is will writing time consuming?

Will writing does not have to be a lengthy process. It all depends on the amount of drafts, but it can be done within 10 working days. Naturally, more complex wills take longer, however, it's important to take the necessary time for such an important document.

Does my Executor need to be involved in my will writing?

No your will is your own private legal document. Some people may choose to have their Executor involved, but usually they are just involved where they have been appointed. You may also wish to detail this information within a letter stored with the will.

Can I have a say in how you use my gift?

Of course. We understand that you may want to leave a gift in your will for a particular service close to your heart. Although, we encourage gifts to be left unrestricted, to use the money freely when it is needed most.

When is Will Month?

Please keep an eye out on the website to see updates on our free will month service, provided by local solicitors. Leaving a lasting legacy, will help us provide this essential care for longer.



Tree of Memories

Our Tree of Memories is a beautiful way to honour someone you love.

The handmade, bespoke tree is located in the Room of Reflection at the Hospice, and incorporates 450 elegant gold, silver and bronze leaves which can be engraved with the name of your loved one as a lasting tribute.

Everybody can be remembered on our memory tree. It doesn't just have to be someone who has been cared for by us and it's really simple to create a loving memory.

Leaves will remain on the tree for a set period of time which will depend on your chosen leaf colour. After this time, you will be invited to renew your leaf, or we will send it to you to keep and cherish forever.

Buy your leaf on our website or call us on 01642 811140.

Bronze

£150 donation

Leaf to remain on the tree for one year

Silver

£300 donation

Leaf to remain on the tree for two years

Gold

£450 donation

Leaf to remain on the tree for three years



Thank You

Together we can support people with a terminal illness, by helping them to live as well as possible, for as long as possible. People with a terminal illness and their families should receive the best possible care, whatever the cause of their condition.

Call or email for more information:



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